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(SBU) PolOff conveyed reftel points to Karen Burbach of the Dutch MFA Human Rights Office on April 14. Burbach cited the draft chairman's statement on Sudan proposed by the Africa group on April 13, and called it too weak for the Netherlands to accept. She noted that EU CHR members would be meeting later on April 14 and would seek to insert certain benchmarks into the Africa group text including: establishment of a special rapporteur, condemnation of human rights violations and the need for cooperation with the UN. Burbach said that, at this stage, the GONL supported trying to amend the draft chairman's statement because it thought it unlikely that a Sudan resolution would pass.

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